Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 15 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 16 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 14 Dec 2021 at 16:39 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a bright day Wednesday. Then high for dry and settled conditions thereafter but low for extent of any low cloud on a daily basis.

Headline for Wednesday 15 Dec 2021: Early low cloud, then dry and bright. Cold and windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 15 Dec 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	50%	20%	00%	00%	00%	00%

Forecast for Wednesday 15 Dec 2021

Weather: Cloudy overnight with some rain, this persistent for a time across western ranges. Overnight low cloud and rain will clear away east by mid-morning, then the rest of daylight hours will be dry and sunny.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%

Visibility: Poor in low cloud down to 400 metres quite widely at first, this steadily clearing by mid-morning. Then very good visibility with little in the way of low cloud expected.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	56/73 SW	50/67 SW	51/67 SW	42/55 W	40/51 W	37/48 W	33/43 W	27/35 SW	23/30 SW
900	52/62 SW	44/54 SW	47/57 SW	37/46 SW	34/41 SW	31/37 SW	28/34 SW	24/29 SW	18/23 SW
600	33/41 SW	27/36 SW	31/41 SW	26/35 SW	22/30 SW	20/27 SW	17/24 SW	15/20 SW	8/12 SW
300	16/34 SW	12/29 SW	13/31 SW	13/30 SW	11/25 SW	9/22 SW	6/19 SW	4/13 SW	4/10 SW
Glen	7/30 SW	6/27 SW	6/28 SW	4/23 SW	6/24 W	5/21 W	3/19 SW	4/17 SW	4/15 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	1/-9	1/-8	2/-8	2/-7	-0/-10	-1/-10	-1/-9	0/-7	1/-6
900	5/-3	5/-3	6/-1	5/-1	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	4/-2	4/-1
600	7/1	7/2	8/3	8/2	6/1	5/0	5/0	6/2	6/3
300	8/5	8/5	8/5	9/6	8/4	7/4	6/4	5/3	5/3
Glen	9/6	9/6	9/6	9/8	9/6	8/6	6/5	6/4	6/4
Freezing Level*	2100m	2100m	2000m	1600m	1100m	1100m	1200m	1400m	1700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note the significant drop in freezing level in the morning with a risk of icy surfaces developing. Remaining windy at height significant wind chill.

Forecast for Thursday 16 Dec 2021

Weather: Low cloud and patchy rain expected at first. This clearing in the morning to leave most of the day dry with some sunshine. Low cloud may return to western ranges later in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 25 to 30 mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%, the east seeing the best of the cloud breaks.

Visibility: Poor in widespread low cloud down to 500 to 700 metres at first, this mainly thinning in the morning before returning western ranges later on.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to 8 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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